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On Friday, October 2, 2015, at approximately 11:00 pm, the Comanche County Sheriff's Office and Coldwater Police Department received a call regarding a man with a gunshot wound. They discovered that forty-three year old Garden City resident Lelyn P. Betts had been fatally shot.

Throughout the weekend members of the Comanche County Sheriff's Office, Coldwater Police Department, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation developed information that identified Frank D. Asebedo, Jr. as the suspect in the shooting. With the cooperation of the community and a major, coordinated effort by the law enforcement community, Asebedo, a 42 year old from Protection, Kansas, was arrested without incident in Protection for 1st Degree Murder and Criminal Possession of a firearm. Asebedo is being held in the Ford County Detention Center pending a first appearance in the Comanche County District Court.

The Comanche County Sheriff's Office, Coldwater Police Department, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation were assisted by officers from the Protection Police Department, the Kiowa County Sheriff's Office, the Ford County Sheriff's Office, the Clark County Sheriff's Office, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, the Dodge City Police Department, and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

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